IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-24 (Canceled).

25. (Currently Amended) A user-adaptive variable-environment system comprising:

a computer provided with an operating environment and a user recognizing unit; and

an information storage medium to be applied to the user recognizing unit, the information storage medium being portable and serving as a password;

wherein the information storage medium stores ~~all of~~ user-environment information about an operating environment suitable for a user, said user-environment information includes at least one of (a) a type of an OS, (b) a language in which information is to be displayed, (c) usable application software ~~and~~ or (d) a key layout~~, and includes at least one of a dedicated operating system, dedicated application software, a dedicated keyboard layout and a dedicated display language~~;

the user recognizing unit reads the user-environment information stored in the information storage medium and changes the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with the user-environment information; and

the information storage medium is automatically and directly readable by the user recognizing unit while being inserted into the user recognizing unit.

26. (Currently Amended) A user-adaptive variable-environment system comprising:

a computer provided with an operating environment and a user recognizing unit;

an information storage medium to be applied to the user recognizing unit, the information storage

medium being portable <u>and serving as a password</u>;

<u>wherein </u>the information storage medium stores user-environment information about <u>an operating</u>

environment suitable for a user, said user-environment information includes at least one of <u>(a) </u>a type of an

OS, <u>(b) </u>a language in which information is to be displayed, <u>(c) </u>usable application software ~~and~~ <u>or (d) </u>a key

layout~~, and includes at least one of a dedicated operating system, dedicated application software, a~~

~~dedicated keyboard layout and a dedicated display language~~;

the user recognizing unit reads the user-environment information stored in the information storage

medium and changes the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with the user-environment

information; and

the information storage medium is automatically readable by the user recognizing unit while being in

a position near to but apart from the user recognizing unit.

Claims 27 - 30 (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) A user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 25, wherein ~~the~~

~~information storage medium stores user-environment information about environment suitable for a user,~~ said

user-environment information includes a type of an OS, usable application software and a language in which

information is to be displayed~~, and includes a dedicated operating system, dedicated application software and~~

~~a dedicated display language~~.

32.   (Currently Amended) A user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 26, wherein

~~the information storage medium stores user-environment information about environment suitable for a user,~~

said user-environment information includes a type of an OS, usable application software and a language in

which information is to be displayed~~, and includes a dedicated operating system, dedicated application~~

~~software and a dedicated display language~~.

33. (Currently Amended) A user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 25, wherein ~~the~~

~~information storage medium stores user-environment information about environment suitable for a user,~~ said

user-environment information includes usable application software and a language in which information is to

be displayed~~, and includes dedicated application software and a dedicated display language~~.

34. (Currently Amended) A user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 26, wherein ~~the~~

~~information storage medium stores user-environment information about environment suitable for a user,~~ said

user-environment information includes usable application software and a language in which information is to

be displayed~~, and includes dedicated application software and a dedicated display language~~.

35. (Currently Amended)   A user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim ~~27~~ <u>25</u>, wherein

the information storage medium is an ID card serving as a password.

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36. (Currently Amended) A user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 28 26, wherein

the information storage medium is an ID card serving as a password.

37. (New) A user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 25, wherein the information

storage medium is an ID storage medium serving as a password.

38. (New) A user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 26, wherein the information

storage medium is an ID storage medium serving as a password.

39. (New) A user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 31, wherein the information

storage medium is an ID storage medium serving as a password.

40. (New) A user-adaptive variable-environment system according to claim 32, wherein the information

storage medium is an ID storage medium serving as a password.